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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : U-2 Aircraft Utilisation

1. Flying time for U-2 type aircraft from 25 July to 31 December 1955 was accomplished as follows:

| <u>DELIVERED</u> | <u>AUG</u> | <u>SEP</u> | <u>OCT</u> | <u>NOV</u> | <u>DEC</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 25 Jul 55        | 13:25      | 14:35      | 17:20      | 15:08      | 22:41      | 83:09        |
| 19 Sep 55        | - -        | 10:15      | 5:15       | 14:24      | 21:36      | 51:30        |
| 17 Oct 55        | - -        | - -        | 2:45       | 17:28      | 47:19      | 67:32        |
| 21 Nov 55        | - -        | - -        | - -        | - -        | 10:33      | 10:33        |
| 19 Dec 55        | - -        | - -        | - -        | - -        | 3:20       | 3:20         |

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| 13:25 | 24:50 | 25:20 | 47:00 | 105:29 | 216:04 |
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Average per Aircraft: 13:25 12:25 8:26 15:40 21:06 43:12

2. Analysis of the above computations to establish a trend or to determine which aircraft is below standard is difficult at this time. Construction at [ ] weather and other factors have combined to force sporadic operation of the aircraft. The operation in the first two months of 1956 should be such as to establish a basis for accurate indications as to aircraft and equipment reliability.

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Director of Operations

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